

SITE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LANDOWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL ACREAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PROJECT ACREAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PROJECT PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION/ADDRESS OF PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDOWNER ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LDAF Application # \_\_\_\_\_  
 This project application will be used to evaluate projects and help prioritize competing projects.

**Basic Requirements:** *(No to any of the first 5 questions disqualifies the project)*

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|--|---|---|
| 1) Is the seller willing to voluntarily participate?   | Y | N |
| 2) Are there 25% matching funds available?   | Y | N |
| Description/source(s): _____   |   |   |
| _____  |   |   |
| 3) Is there clear title from the willing seller/donor?   | Y | N |
| Description of any outstanding rights: _____   |   |   |
| _____  |   |   |
| 4) Is the project located within an established Forest Legacy Area?                            | Y | N |
| 5) Does the project meets the criteria as established in the states FLP Assessment of Need?    | Y | N |
| 6) Is the project area at least 75% forested?  | Y | N |
| 7) Will the project enter into the FLP as a conservation easement? ( <b>preferred method</b> ) | Y | N |
| Or fee purchase acquisition?   | Y | N |
| 8) Forest management plan in place or commitment to prepare one before closing?                | Y | N |
| State approved forest stewardship plan in place?   | Y | N |
| 9) Anticipated price: \$_____/acre \$_____ total   |   |   |
| 10) Is there a donation beyond the 25% cost-share match or a less than 75% request?            | Y | N |
| Value/amount, explain: _____   |   |   |
| _____  |   |   |
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**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

**A. Threat:** (Desirability of property and location)

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| 1) Is the property currently for sale on the open market?   | Y | N |
| 2) Is the acreage suitable for building?  | Y | N |
| 3) Is there major road frontage or expected road frontage?  | Y | N |
| 4) Is there access to utilities?  | Y | N |
| 5) Is there data that is proof of % increase in population for the area?  | Y | N |
| 6) Is there conversion likely within the next 2 years?  | Y | N |
| 7) Is there conversion likely within the next 10 years?   | Y | N |
| 8) Will protecting this project affect non-conversion on this property?   | Y | N |
| 9) Will protecting this project affect non-conversion on adjacent property?   | Y | N |
| 10) Is the project within 5 miles of new development that has occurred within the last 2 years?   | Y | N |
| 11) Does the surrounding 5 miles attract development? (Ex. Large lake shoreline)  | Y | N |
| 12) Is the region recognized as having a landscape level threat of conversion to non-forest uses by the USFS Southern Forest Resource Assessment or Forest Inventory Analysis Survey? | Y | N |
| 13) Is the threat of conversion measurable?   |   |   |
| Explain: _____  | Y | N |
| 14) Are there other factors that would place this tract in jeopardy?  | Y | N |
| Explain: _____  | Y | N |
| 15) Is trespassing a current concern?   | Y | N |

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**B. Forest resource economic benefits:** (Forest and soil productivity)

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| 1) Has forest management occurred on the project site?   | Y | N |
| If so, what is the site index? _____   |   |   |
| 2) Will forest product management continue to occur on the project site?                             | Y | N |
| 3) Does the tract help maintain economic vitality to the local region?                               | Y | N |
| 4) What is the acreage of the forested portion of the project under forest product management? _____ |   |   |
| 5) Are the roads in good conditions?   | Y | N |
| 6) Is forest management BMP compliant?   | Y | N |
| 7) Is there anticipated access to markets in the next 20 years?                                      | Y | N |
| 8) Is the forest managed under a third party certification system?                                   | Y | N |
| 9) Are landowner objectives consistent with FLP objectives?  | Y | N |
| 10) Is there proof that soil productivity will produce quality timber products?                      | Y | N |
| 11) Can timber products be easily transported to users?  | Y | N |
| 12) Is the timber accessible for cost effective management?  | Y | N |
| 13) Is there an infrastructure for supporting forest product production?                             | Y | N |
| 14) Are there steep slopes or highly erodible soil within the project perimeters?                    | Y | N |
| 15) What is the stocking capacity? _____   |   |   |

**Comments:**

**C. Public benefit:** (the public benefits gained from the protection and management of the property reflects the ecological assets and the economic and social values conserved by the project)

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|---|---|---|
| 1) Is the project in a viewshed of a designated scenic area?  | Y | N |
| 2) Is the project in an airshed in or adjacent to a non-containment area?   | Y | N |
| 3) Will there be public access?   | Y | N |
| Describe terms and conditions: _____  |   |   |
| _____   |   |   |
| 4) Is the project connective or adjacent to public outdoor recreational areas?                                    | Y | N |
| 5) Are there any local economic benefits currently associated with the project?                                   | Y | N |
| Explain: _____  |   |   |
| _____   |   |   |
| 6) Are there any anticipated economic benefits in the future associated with the project should protection occur? | Y | N |
| Explain: _____  |   |   |
| _____   |   |   |
| 7) Can the project be effectively managed as a part of the FLP?   | Y | N |
| 8) Are the public benefits measurable?  | Y | N |
| Explain: _____  |   |   |
| 9) Are their direct or immediate public benefits?   | Y | N |
| Explain: _____  |   |   |
| 10) Are their indirect benefits?  | Y | N |
| Explain: _____  |   |   |

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**D. Water quality and watershed protection:** (Importance of watershed for aquatic biodiversity and/or resource quality and quantity)

- 1) Name of watershed system(s) where project is located: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Is there river or stream frontage? Y N  
Names of: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Are there lakes, ponds, or wetlands? Y N  
Surface size, depths? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Is there a presence of high quality streams? Y N
- 5) Is the riparian habitat unique and/or endangered?
- 6) Is the uniqueness or importance to water supply measurable? Y N
- 7) Are there benefits to municipal water source or recharge areas?
- 8) Is the project within one mile of a public water supply?
- 9) Does the project drain into a public water supply? Y N
- 10) What is the # of total acres of bottomland/wetland forest in the project?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Surrounding the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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**E. Ecological/Cultural benefits:** (rare or important cover types, importance to habitat diversity)

- 1) Is the forest cover type or age class rare, unique, or declining? Y N
- 2) Is the project connective or adjacent to other ecologically important areas? Y N
- 3) Does the project contain habitat for declining or endangered species? Y N
- 4) Is the region recognized as ecologically significant by a government study or equivalently published and widely accepted private study? Y N
- 5) Are there currently any endangered or threatened species located within or adjacent property to the project? Y N
- 6) Are there species of concern currently located within or on property adjacent to the project? Y N
- 7) Is the habitat currently suitable for reoccupation or harboring threatened or endangered species? Y N
- 8) Are there culturally significant, historical, or archaeological sites located on the project site? Y N
- 9) Has a state approved cultural resource survey been documented? Y N
- 10) Would the project include sites eligible for national or state historical registration? Y N
- 10) Are there educational opportunities within the project? Y N  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Are there educational opportunities adjacent to or in conjunction with the project? Y N  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Is there currently active management to enhance wildlife habitat? Y N
- 13) Are there any exotic or invasive species found on the property within or adjacent to the project area? Y N
- 14) Are the ecological/cultural benefits measurable? Y N
- 15) \_\_\_\_\_

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**F. Readiness:** (the level of commitment and likelihood that a project will be complete in a predictable timeline)

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|---|---|---|
| 1) Is there a signed option or purchase and sales agreement?  | Y | N |
| 2) Is the appraisal completed?  | Y | N |
| 3) Is the survey completed?   | Y | N |
| 4) Is the easement title drafted?   | Y | N |
| 5) Is the title research complete and approved?   | Y | N |
| 6) Is the cost-share match committed?   | Y | N |
| 7) Has the landowner committed a donation of \$X or %X?   | Y | N |
| 8) Has a member of the SFSCC approved the project?  | Y | N |
| 9) Are early negotiations underway?   | Y | N |
| 10) Is it a phased project?   | Y | N |
| If so, What are timeframes for closing subsequent phases? _____   | Y | N |
|   |   |   |
| 11) Is this project a top priority proven by a letter of support in a multi-partnership situation?                              | Y | N |
| If so, who are the partners and what are their performance records with regards to completing land conservation projects? _____ |   |   |
|   |   |   |
| 12) Will the partners be conducting negotiations with landowners?   | Y | N |
| 13) Will the partners be assisting with baseline documentation?   | Y | N |
| 14) Will the partners be signing MOUs for monitoring and enforcement?   | Y | N |
| 15) Is there a monitoring and enforcement plan in place?  | Y | N |
| 16) Is there a monitoring and enforcement fund in place?  | Y | N |
| 18) there local community support?  | Y | N |
| 19) Is there national support?  | Y | N |

**Comments:**

**G. Strategic:** (the project fits within a larger conservation plan, strategy, or initiative)

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|---|---|---|
| 1) Is the property adjacent to or does the project enhance previous conservation investments on private lands such as certified tree farms or certified stewardship forest? | Y | N |
| 2) Is the project key in a regional plan?   | Y | N |
| 3) Is the project key in a focused protection strategy?   | Y | N |
| 4) Will the project lead to additional conservation action or investment in its region?   | Y | N |
| 5) Is the property adjacent to or does the project enhance previous conservation investments such as state, tribal, or federally owned lands?                               | Y | N |
| 6) Is the project connective to a water corridor or other protected lands?  | Y | N |
| 7) Will the project provide recreational access to the extent practical?  | Y | N |
| Explain:  |   |   |

**Comments:**